

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. No claims have been amended, added, or canceled. As such, claims 4-7 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 4-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,377,245 to Park ("Park"). Claim 4 recites, in part, the features of "control buttons operable as right and left mouse buttons," "wherein the control buttons are placed on a lower part of the pencil shaft," and "wherein the pencil shaft is placed on a posterior part of the mouse body."

In contrast, Park teaches an ergonomic mouse with a first click button (12) located on a right portion of the grip rod, a second click button (14) located to the left of the grip rod, and a scrolling button (16) located to the right of the grip rod. It is asserted at page 2 of the Office Action that (at col. 3, lines 31-38 and Figure 2, items 12 and 16) Park teaches control buttons operable as right and left mouse buttons and that the control buttons are placed on a lower part of the pencil shaft. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Items 12 and 16, referenced in the Office Action as being right and left control buttons, are a main click button (12) and a scrolling button (16). *See* Park, col. 3, lines 31-32 and 36-37. As such, items 12 and 16 do not constitute right and left mouse buttons. Furthermore, the scrolling button (16) is not placed on a lower part of the pencil shaft as required in claim 4 of the present application. Instead, the scrolling button (16) is located on the mouse body, not the grip rod of Park. *See* Park, Figures 1-4. As clearly evidenced by Figure 4, the scrolling button (16) is completely separate from the grip rod (10). Furthermore, as shown in Figure 4 of Park, the second click button (14) is also not located on the grip rod (10). Applicants respectfully submit that Park does not teach control buttons operable as right and left mouse buttons wherein the control buttons are placed on a lower part of the pencil shaft as recited in claim 4 of the present application.

Moreover, Park does not teach that the pencil shaft is placed on a posterior part of the mouse body as recited in claim 4 of the present application. Instead, the grip rod (10) is placed at a frontal portion of the mouse body. *See* Park, Figures 1, 5, and 6. As such, claim 4 distinguishes over Park and Applicants request that the §103 rejection of claim 4 be withdrawn.

Claims 5-7 are directly dependent on claim 4 and should distinguish over Park for at least the same reasons as stated above. Applicants respectfully request that the §103 rejection of claims 5-7 be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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